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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED April 20, 2007

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007, in respect of the above-identified patent application.

Applicant has corrected the response to conform with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 by removing the claim text from canceled claims 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18. The status identifiers to claims 17 and 19 are changed to reflect the amendments to these claims. In Claims 17 and 19 at line 3, the word --said -- is inserted before the words "substantially rigid bristles."

Further, Claim 19, line 2, the phrase, "as claimed in Claim 17" are deleted and in line 7; the words "constant number of bristles" are deleted and the words -- at least ten bristles -- are inserted in their place. Finally, the method of showing the Amendments to the claims is corrected to show deletions in brackets and insertions are underlined.